

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 16 June 1997
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Wellington
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Untitled
Other Known Titles: Baltic Jung-Frau Schule - Baltic Update Disk
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Stated
Format: 3 1/2" Computer Disk
Country of Origin: Not Stated
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The 3 1/2" computer disk *Untitled* (the disk) is also known as *Baltic Jung-Frau Schule Baltic Update Disk*, is classified as:
Objectionable.

The Classification Office considers that the disk tends both to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and to promote and support the coercion of any person to submit to sexual conduct. The disk does so by using the theme of teenage sexuality and the manipulation of vulnerable teenagers in a manner that is designed to sexually titillate the reader. The disk reinforces the viability and legitimacy of the subject material and the type of conduct within the realm of sexual fantasy. The availability of the disk is therefore likely to be injurious to the public good.

The disk contains 23 text files. The text files describe events in an exclusive boarding school for females. The disk reveals how the school operates under an authoritarian and hierarchical system of rules and regulations which are enforced by both the staff of the school and senior pupils. The rules are enforced by a system based on reward and punishment. The system of rewards and punishment is conducted on a similar basis including body piercings and the use of weights and clamps on nipples and genitals. The disk also provides a sustained and vivid description of students performing a particular form of obeisance to their superiors.

These accounts of life at the school are overtly sexual and are used as a device by the author to exploit the sexual imagery associated with the nudity of young teenage females. The descriptions of the piercings and female genitals are emphasised in the publication, as is the idea that the genitals are those of young teenage females. Furthermore these descriptions reinforce both the exploitation of young persons and the coercive nature of the sexual conduct as they highlight the nature of the relationship between students and their teachers. The disk links the ideas of age and vulnerability to coercion to legitimise the form of punishment and further titillate the reader.

The Classification Office has expressly taken into consideration the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act), and specifically s14 of that Act. However, as s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 takes precedence over s14 of the NZBR Act no further consideration need be given to s14.

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